CAUSE NO. 4

OCTOBER 6, 1956

Application for Establishment of Drilling Units for Bar X-Anticline Area, Grand County, Utah, filed by the American Metal Company, Ltd. and Frontier Refining Company.

Hearing set for 10:00 a.m., November 20, 1956, in the Gov. Brd. Rm.

OCTOBER 12, 1956

Letter from Sinclair Oil & Gas Company in support of application.

DECEMBER 5, 1956

ORDER BY COMMISSION establishing drilling units between 480 and 560 Acres.

BEFORE THE OIL AND CAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF UTAH

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Zone 2

Section 2: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SIEM Section 3: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM

Section 4: Lot 1, SE NEZ, E2SEZ, Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM

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Zone 4

Section 13: S2NW2, S2; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM Section 24: N2W2, S2NW2; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM Section 18: S2SW2; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM

Section 19: NW1; N2SW1; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLBM

Zone 5

Section 16: 5252; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SIEM Section 18: 525E; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SIEM Section 19: NE4, N2SE4; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM Section 20: N2, N2S2; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM Section 21: Lot 1,2,3; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM

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ZONE 2

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Lots 3 and 4, Sanwa, Swa; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, Section 3: SLBM

Section 4: Lot 1, SEANEA, ESSEA; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEW

ZONE 3

Drilling Unit No. 1 shall consist of the following described acreage:

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 Section 15: E2; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM

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ZONE 4

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Section 13; SiNWi, SWi, WiSRi; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM
Section 24: NiNWi, WiNE; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM

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Section 13: B:BE:; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM
Section 24: B:NE:; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM
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Section 18: S½SE½; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM
Section 19: NE¼, N½SE½; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM
Section 20: W½NW½, NW½SW½; Twp. 17 S, R. 26 E, SLEM

Drilling Unit No. 2 shall consist of the following described acreage:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the rules and regulations contained herein shall become effective forthwith, and henceforth the commencement of the drilling of any well or wells in the Bar X Anticline Area, as defined herein, for the purpose of producing gas therefrom at a location other than authorized by this Order, is hereby prohibited.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Commission expressly reserves its right, after notice and hearing, to alter, smend, or repeal any and/or all of the above rules and regulations.

ORDERED this 5th day of Clecember, 1956.

THE OIL AND GAS CONSURVATION COUNTSSION OF THE STATE OF UTAH

D. H. WILTERBURG, Chairman

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Zone 2

Section 2: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM Section 3: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM

Section 4: Lot 1, $SE_4^1NE_4^1$, $E_2^1SE_4^1$, Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLBM

Zone 3

Section 9: \mathbb{E}_{2}^{1} , Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM Section 10: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SLEM

Section 14: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SIBM Section 15: All; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SIBM Section 16: $E_2^{\dagger}E_2^{\dagger}$; Twp. 17 S, R. 25 E, SIBM

Zone 4

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ZONE 2

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LIST OF EXHIBITS PRESENTED IN CAUSE NO. 4

AMERICAN CLIMAX

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FINDINGS

The Referee finds as follows:

- 1. That due notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing has been given in all respects as required by law.
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- 3. That gas is being produced in the Bar X Anticline Area from the Dakota-Upper Morrison, the Salt Wash, and the Entrada Formations.
- 4. That all available geological and engineering data indicate the presence of several zones each containing a single pool underlying the Bar X Anticline Area and that each such pool constitutes an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of gas underlying the following described lands in Grand County, Utah, to-wit:

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SPNF, NFSF;

Section 2: All;

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- 8. That drilling units between 480 and 550 surface acres can be established which will fulfill the statutory requirements.

CONCLUSION

1. That in order to avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells; to protect the correlative rights of all parties concerned; to insure the proper and efficient development; and to promote conservation of the gas resources of the State, an order should be made establishing drilling

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HERBERT F. SMART, Commissioner and

Dated:

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Lots 1 and 2;

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/s/ Herbert F. Smart
HERBERT F. SMART, Commissioner and
Referee

Dated:

December 5, 1956.